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Statement on Mayor Adams' Veto of Recently Passed Reforms to CityFHEPS

(NEW YORK, NY) - Adriene Holder, chief attorney of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to Mayor Eric Adams vetoing the recently passed package of legislation to reform CityFHEPS, a local housing voucher program:

“The Mayor’s veto of a package of legislation that would have greatly increased housing stability for our clients is a needless and unfortunate political stunt that delays viable solutions to combat our worsening homelessness and eviction crises.

“New Yorkers deserve leadership from City Hall on policies that keep people safely housed, out of local shelters and off of city streets.

“We now implore the City Council to immediately override this veto to secure the reforms needed to improve CityFHEPS and outcomes for some of our most vulnerable neighbors who are simply in search of a place to call home.”

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